

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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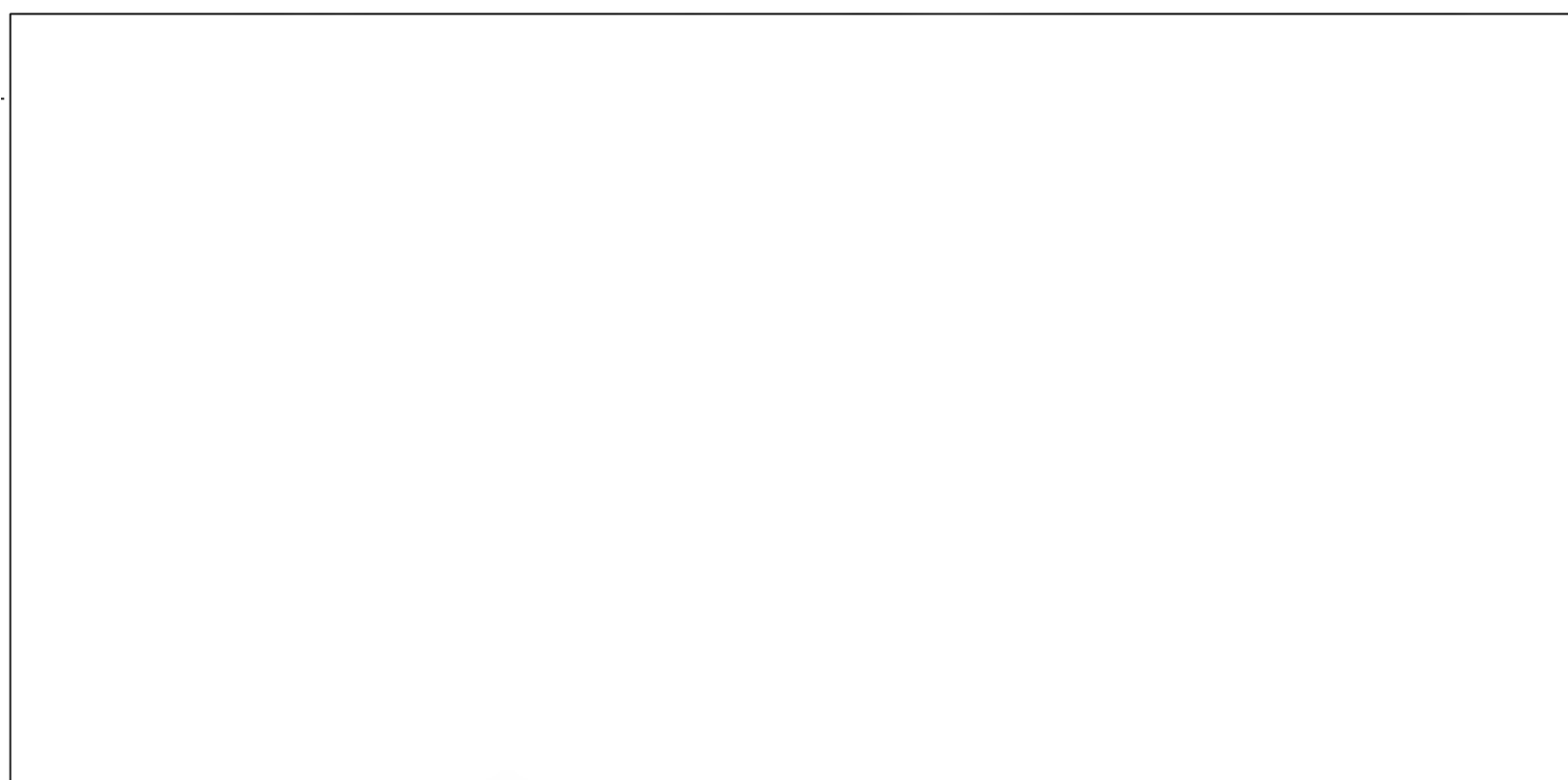
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1. Cuba

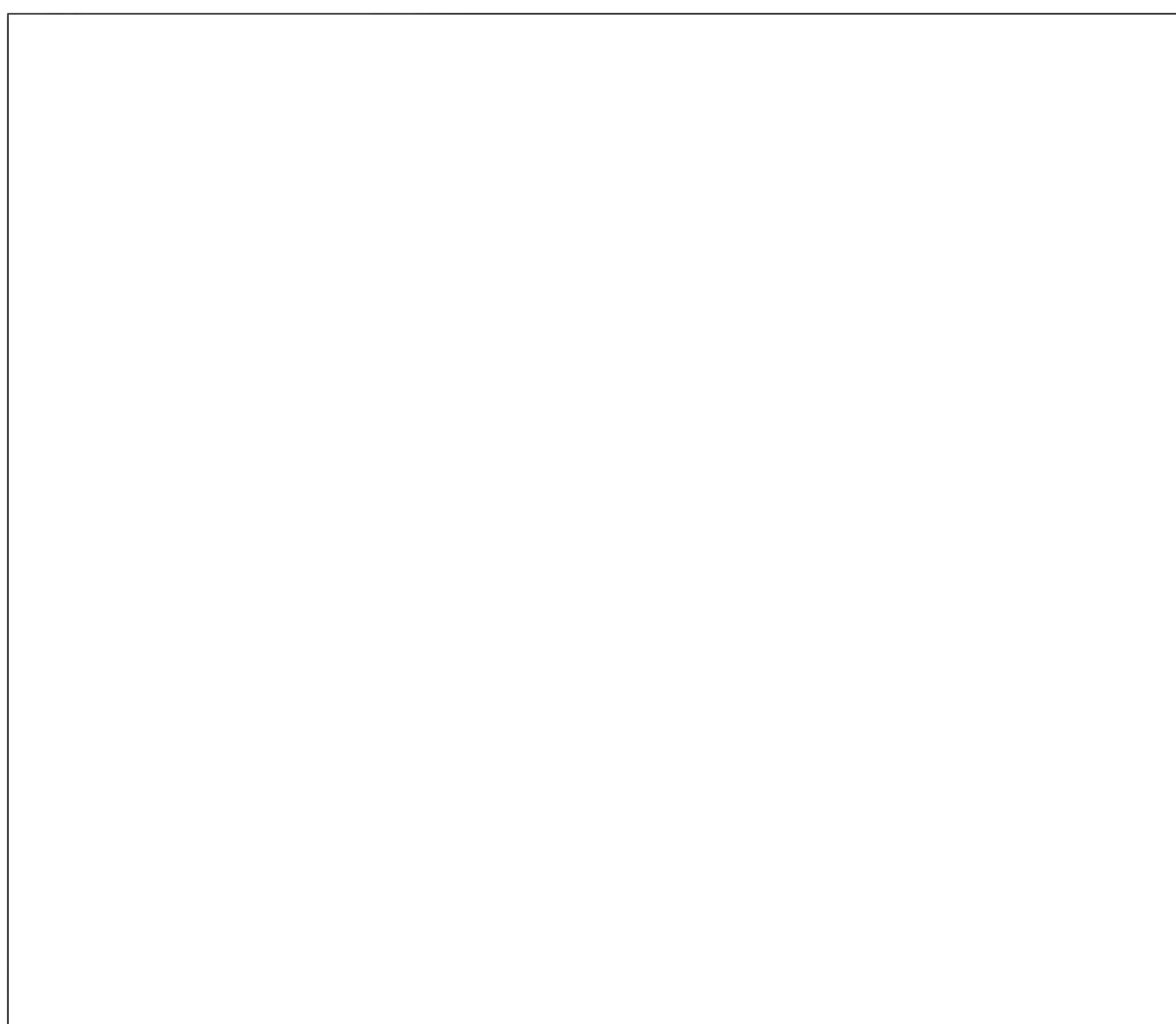


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2. Haiti



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### 3. Congo

a. Congolese leaders refuse to treat further with holdout Katangan gendarmes and, during the weekend, dispatched three Congo army companies to eliminate remaining strongholds in southeastern Katanga.

b. Leopoldville claims to have succeeded without a fight.

c. We suspect the fighting is yet to come, as the gendarmerie in the area is reportedly well armed and able to give a good account of itself.

d. The UN is staying out of the act, and this may well encourage the gendarmerie.

4. Pakistan - Communist China

a. Ayub's government apparently is continuing to move cautiously toward closer cooperation with Peiping.

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d. Just how cautiously Ayub plans to proceed, given the prospect of Under Secretary Ball's visit, was probably the subject of discussion at an urgent top-level meeting of government officials yesterday in Rawalpindi.

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**5. Syria-Iraq**

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[redacted] party leaders in both Syria and Iraq have decided to begin the process of unifying the two countries. Steps toward military unification will come first.

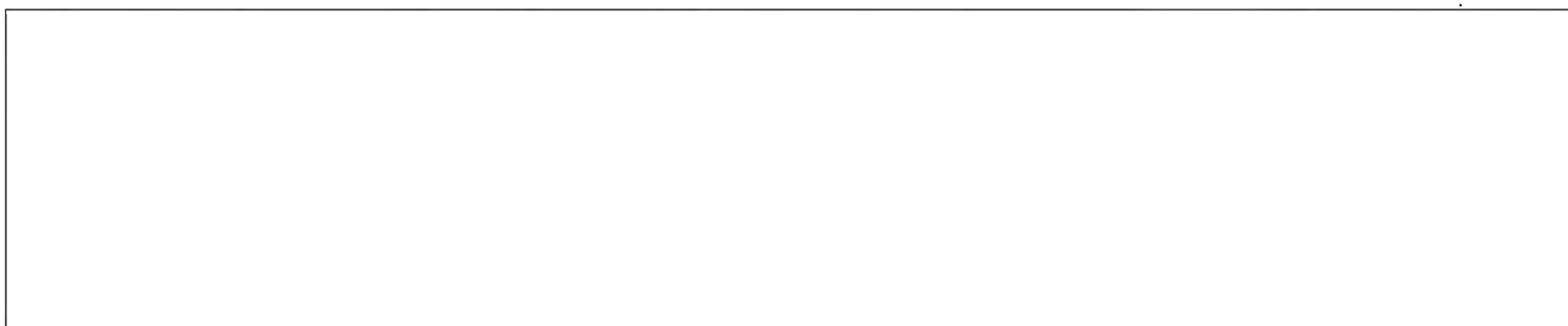
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- B. Cuba Royal Dutch Airlines has announced resumption of weekly flights between Havana and Curacao. These were suspended last year during the crisis.
- C. Colombia Threatened strikes and disorders failed to materialize over the weekend. Many left-wing groups refused to participate lest they bring on a coup by the coup-prone military.
- D. Rumania-US The Rumanians want to send their Planning Commission chairman to the US for trade talks. They are interested in buying equipment for their chemical, oil, rubber, paper, and radio-TV industries. Their trade with the US amounted to only \$1.5 million last year, but it has been growing rapidly with Western Europe.